

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are now present in this application. Independent claim 18 has been added as a generic claim for the present invention with claims 19 and 20 being dependent thereon.

Election has been required between a first species, Species I, of the present invention directed to a method for annealing a semiconductor structure including at least claims 1-8 and a second species, Species II, of the present invention directed to a method for implanting a dopant in a semiconductor structure including at least claims 9-17. It is alleged in this requirement that the Species I and Species II are two patentably distinct species of the claimed invention.

To comply with this requirement, Species I is elected with traverse for consideration, where at least claims 1-8, 18 and 19 are readable on Species I. It is respectfully submitted that claim 18 is a generic claim for the species of the present invention.

Early allowance of claims 1-20 is earnestly solicited. To expedite examination of the present application, the undersigned attorney be contacted at 978-282-5915 to any outstanding matters.

In the event that any additional fees are necessary, such fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0896.

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